

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY SEOUL  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2733  
USLO PEKING  
INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
AMEMBASSY TAIPEI  
AMCONSUL HONG KONG

C O N F I D E N T I A L SEOUL 2218

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDIP KN CH  
SUBJ: DPRK AMBASSADOR TO PRC

1. ACCORDING TO MOFA SOURCES IN TAIWAN, PEKING HAS NOT YET ACCEDED TO PYONGYANG REQUEST FOR ACCREDITATION OF SO CH'OL AS REPLACEMENT FOR FORMER NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR TO PRC HYON CH'UN-KUK. HYON LEFT CHINA AT COMPLETION OF HIS TOUR END OF JANUARY 1977. ACCORDING TO MOFA, SO RANKS ABOUT SEVENTH IN NORTH KOREAN PARTY HIERARCHY, IS ELITE PARTY POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEMBER WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HAS WIDE DIPLOMATIC EXPERIENCE, AND HAS BEEN KIM IL-SONG ASSOCIATE SINCE MANCHURIA GUERRILLA DAYS.

2. MOFA VIEWS PRC DELAY IN GIVING AGREEMENT AS POSSIBLE INDICATION OF PRC DISSATISFACTION WITH NORTH KOREA, POSSIBLY BECAUSE OF NORTH KOREAN ATTEMPT TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH USSR. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT OR USLO PEKING COMMENT, OR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE AVAILABLE ON THE SUBJECT, FOR PASSAGE TO MOFA.  
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